



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0422	Title:	Generally revise water use act
Primary Sponsor:	Jackson, Verdell	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	-----Cannot reasonably be determined, but has negative impact-----			
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill could result in depletion of the water supply to the Broadwater Power Project. This would reduce the power produced and therefore reduce state special revenue for the rehabilitation of state water projects.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. DNRC hydrogeologists maintain that any new appropriation of groundwater appropriation in the Missouri River basin above Toston will eventually deplete surface flows by the same amount diverted under the appropriation. At the bureau's current power purchase contract rates with NorthWestern Energy, a reduction in flow amounting to 722 acre-feet (1 cfs for a year) for the Broadwater Power Project would reduce revenues by \$850. It is not possible to determine how much flows would be reduced.

Long-Term Impacts:

1. If a new appropriation of groundwater in the Missouri River basin above Toston were to occur, over time the generating potential at the Broadwater Power Project would decline as these depletions are realized. This would lead to significant revenue loss due to reduced power generation each year.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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